SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES

Article XIX - Safety pins - Extension of time-limit in Article XIX:3(a)

Addendum

On 29 November 1957 the United States Government took action under the terms of Article XIX to increase the rate of duty on safety pins (L/624/Add.1).

The United Kingdom Government requested consultations with the United States Government under Article XIX:2 with a view to reaching agreement on compensation. In view of the fact that such consultations would not be completed in time for the Government of the United Kingdom to avail itself in the event of failure of the consultations of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX the Government of the United Kingdom requested an extension of the time-limit prescribed in Article XIX:3(a).

The text of a Decision was therefore submitted to the contracting parties and was approved by postal ballot (GATT/AIR/125) with nineteen votes in favour and none against. The Decision as approved, is reproduced hereunder.

DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME-LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a) FOR NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF ANY SUSPENSION OF OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS IN CONNESSION WITH THE INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES DUTIES ON SAFETY PINS UNDER ARTICLE XIX,

CONSIDERING that on 29 November 1957 the Government of the United States took action under Article XIX to raise the rates of duty on safety pins bound under item No. 350 in Schedule XX,

CONSIDERING that the United States Government is consulting with other contracting parties in respect of this action with a view to reaching agreement on compensation, and

CONSIDERING that the said consultations will not have been completed in time for a government to avail itself, in the event of failure of the consultation, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that the ninety-day period prescribed in Article XIX:3(a) shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of any such consultations.